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Graduates of training-schools in connection with special hospitals, giving a two years' course, who shall obtain one year's additional training in an approved general hospital, shall be eligible for registration without examination before June 1, 1906; or said graduates shall be eligible for registration prior to said date upon passing a special examination before the Board of Examiners in subjects not adequately taught in the training-schools from which they have been graduated.

And it shall be unlawful after the expiration of that time for any person to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse without a certificate in this State. A nurse who has received his or her certificate according to the provisions of this Act shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse." No other person shall assume such title or use the abbreviation R.N., or any other letters or figures to indicate that he or she is a registered nurse.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall not be construed to affect or apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family, and also it shall not apply to any person nursing the sick for hire but who does not in any way assume to be a registered nurse.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That any person violating any of the provisions of this Act, or who shall willfully make any false representation to the Board of Examiners in applying for a certificate, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the State Board of Examiners of graduate nurses may revoke any certificate for sufficient cause, but before this is done the holder of said certificate shall have thirty days' notice, and after a full and fair hearing of the charges made, by a majority vote of the whole Board, the certificate can be revoked.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

THE INDIANA BILL FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES

THE Barron House Bill, No. 15, signed by Governor Hanley, February 27, 1905:

"A BILL for an act requiring the registration of all trained nurses, providing a Board of Registration and Examination, fixing the number, duties, and qualifications of said board, and providing for the registration of nurses, providing penalties for violation of said act,

"SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana*, That upon the taking effect of this act the Governor shall appoint, within sixty days, a State Board of Registration and Examination of Nurses, to be composed of five members who have not had less than five-years' experience in their profession, exclusive of their training, and who shall not be connected with any hospital. One of these members shall be designated by the Governor to hold office for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, and thereafter, upon the expiration of

the term of office of the person or persons so appointed the Governor shall appoint successors to such person or persons to hold office for three years. All vacancies occurring on this board shall be filled by the Governor from persons qualified as above stated.

"SEC. 2. The members of the said State Board of Registration and Examination shall meet in the City of Indianapolis as soon as organized, and annually thereafter in the month of July shall elect from their members a president and also a secretary, who shall be the treasurer. Three members shall constitute a quorum, and special meetings of the board shall be called by the secretary upon the written request of any two members. The State Board of Registration and Examination is authorized to frame such by-laws as may be necessary to govern its actions. The secretary shall be required to keep a record of all meetings of the board, including a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under this act; said register shall, at all reasonable times, be open to public scrutiny, and the board shall cause the prosecution of all persons violating any of the provisions of this act, and may incur necessary expense on this behalf. The said by-laws shall provide the subjects upon which applicants shall be examined. The secretary shall receive a salary to be fixed by the board not to exceed five hundred (\$500) dollars per annum, also travelling and other expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties. The other members of the board shall receive five (\$5) dollars per day for each day actually engaged at the meetings of the board, and legitimate and necessary expense. Said expense and salary shall be paid from fees received by the board under the provisions of this act, and no part of salaries or other expenses of the board shall be paid out of the State Treasury.

"SEC. 3. The clerk of the Circuit Court of any county, upon presentation to him of a certificate from the State Board of Registration and Examination, shall register the date of registration, with the name, residence, and address of the holder thereof, in a book to be kept in his office for this purpose, and marked "Register of Trained Nurses," and shall issue to the applicant a certificate of such registration under the seal of the Circuit Court of the county, for which registration he shall be paid fifty cents by the applicant.

"SEC. 4. That after June 1, 1908, it shall be the duty of said Board of Registration and Examination to meet not less frequently than once a year. Notice of each meeting shall be given in one daily newspaper and in one nursing or medical journal published within the State of Indiana thirty days prior to said meeting. At these meetings it shall be the duty of said Board of Registration and Examination to examine the diplomas and credentials of all applicants for registration under this act. Said board shall also examine such applicants on the branches usually taught in the training-schools for nurses to determine their fitness and ability to give efficient care to the sick. The said board shall require of each applicant for examination and registration a fee of ten (\$10) dollars, to be paid upon application.

"SEC. 5. That after June 1, 1908, the applicant shall furnish satisfactory evidence that he or she is twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, has received the equivalent of a High-School education, and has been graduated from a training-school for nurses connected with a general hospital approved by the board, where a systematic course of two-years' instruction is given.

"SEC. 6. Any resident of the State of Indiana, being over the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character, holding a diploma from a training-school for nurses connected with a general hospital giving a course of at least two-years'

training or having had seven-years' experience, three of which shall have been spent in a general or special hospital and engaged in professional nursing at the date of or prior to the passage of this act, shall be entitled to registration without examination, provided such application be made before January 1, 1906. All nurses in training at the time of the passage of this act and possessing the above qualifications shall be entitled to registration without examination, provided application is made before June 1, 1908. Graduates of training-schools in connection with special hospitals giving a two-years' course who shall obtain six-months' additional training in a general hospital approved by the State Board of Registration and Examination shall be eligible for registration without examination before June 1, 1908; or said graduates shall be eligible for registration prior to said date who have nursed five years prior to the passage of this act; or upon passing of special examination before the State Board of Registration and Examination in subjects not adequately taught in the training-school from which they have been graduated.

"The by-laws shall provide for the examination and qualification of nurses who make application before January 1, 1906, who have not graduated from a training-school, and who have been engaged in nursing ten years, and who are otherwise eligible, and who shall present required credentials from physicians for whom they have nursed.

"All applicants under this section shall pay to the said board the sum of five (\$5.00) dollars at the time of making application.

"SEC. 7. The State Board of Registration and Examination shall have power, after thirty-days' notice, upon written charge being preferred and the time and place of meeting being fixed, and after full and free hearing of the same by a majority vote of the entire board, to revoke any license issued by said board for gross incompetency, dishonesty, habitual intemperance, or any other act in the judgment of the board derogatory to the morals or standing of the profession of nursing. Upon the revocation of the license or certificate the name of the holder thereof shall be stricken from the roll of registered nurses in the hands of the secretary of the board and notice sent of same to the clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which he or she resides, and there shall be no appeal therefrom.

"SEC. 8. Every person who shall have duly received a license and certificate in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be known and styled a 'registered nurse,' and it shall be unlawful after one year from the passage of this act for any person to practise or advertise as or assume the title of trained nurse or graduate nurse or to use the abbreviations of 'T.N.' or 'G. N.' or any other words, letters, or figures to indicate that the person using the same is a trained, registered, or graduate nurse, unless he or she shall have first received a license and certificate in accordance with the provisions of this act.

"SEC. 9. This act shall not be construed to affect or apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family, and, also, it shall not apply to any person nursing the sick for hire who does not in any way assume to be a registered or graduate nurse.

"SEC. 10. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25) dollars and not more than fifty (\$50) dollars for the first offence, and not less than fifty (\$50) dollars and not more than one hundred (\$100) dollars for each subsequent offence."

THE COLORADO BILL

THE following is the Colorado bill as signed by Governor MacDonald April 12, 1905:

“A BILL for an act relating to professional nursing.

“*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

“SECTION 1. That within sixty days after the taking effect of this act the Governor of the State shall appoint a State Board of Nurse Examiners, to be composed of five members. Each of the members of said board so appointed by the Governor shall be a trained nurse of at least twenty-three (23) years of age, of good moral character, who is a graduate from a training-school connected with a general hospital or sanitarium of good standing where a three-years' training with a systematic course of instruction is given in the wards; one of the members of said board shall be designated by the Governor to hold office for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, and thereafter upon the expiration of the term of office of the person so appointed the Governor shall appoint a successor to each person to hold office for five years, each of whom shall be a registered nurse under the provisions of this act and shall fulfil the requirements in this section set forth.

“SEC. 2. That the members of said board shall, as soon as organized, annually in the month of April elect from their members a president and a secretary, who shall also be the treasurer. Three members of this board shall constitute a quorum, and special meetings of said board shall be called by the secretary upon the written request of any two members. The board is authorized to make such by-laws and rules as shall be necessary to govern its proceedings and to carry into effect the purpose of this act. The secretary shall be required to keep a record of all the meetings of said board, including a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under this act, which shall at all reasonable times be open to public scrutiny, and said board shall cause the prosecution of all persons violating any of the provisions of this act, and may incur necessary expenses on that behalf. That the president and secretary shall make a biennial report to the Governor on the second Monday of December immediately preceding the convening of the Legislature, together with a statement of the receipts and disbursements of said board.

“SEC. 3. That after April, 1906, it shall be the duty of said board to meet not less frequently than once in every three (3) months, notice of which meeting shall be given to the public press and in one nursing journal one month previous to the meeting. At said meetings it shall be the duty of the board to examine all applicants for registration under this act. Upon filing application for examination each applicant shall pay a registration fee of ten dollars. The examination shall be of such a character as to determine the fitness of the applicant to practise professional nursing as contemplated by this act. If the result of the examination of any applicant shall be satisfactory to a majority of the board, the secretary shall, upon an order of the board, issue to the applicant a certificate to that effect; whereupon the person named in the certificate shall be declared duly qualified to practise professional nursing in this State. Any person from any other State who shall show to the satisfaction of the board that he or she is a trained, graduate nurse of a hospital or sanitarium, the standard of instruction and training of which shall meet the requirements of the rules prescribed by said board, may, upon payment of the usual fee therefor, receive a certificate and be registered as a nurse of this State without examination.

"SEC. 4. That all nurses who are engaged in nursing at the date of the passage of this act and who shall show to the satisfaction of said board that they are graduates of training-schools connected with a hospital or sanitarium giving two-years' general training, or prior to the year 1901 having given eighteen-months' general training and who maintain in other respects proper standards; or who are in training in the wards of a general hospital or sanitarium where a two-years' training with a systematic course of instruction is given at the time of the passage of this act, and shall graduate hereafter, and possess the above qualifications, shall be entitled to registration without examination, provided such application be made to this board before April, 1906. It shall be unlawful after April, 1906, for any person to practise nursing as a trained, graduate, or registered nurse without a certificate from the State Board of Nurse Examiners. A nurse who has received his or her certificate according to the provisions of this act shall be styled and known as a 'Registered Nurse.' No other person shall assume such title or use the abbreviation 'R.N.' or any other letters, to indicate that he or she is a trained, graduate, or registered nurse.

"SEC. 5. That the State Board of Nurse Examiners shall have the power to revoke any certificate issued in accordance with this act by unanimous vote of said board for gross incompetency, dishonesty, habitual intemperance, or any act derogatory to the morals or standing of the profession of nursing, as may be determined by the board; but before any certificate shall be revoked the holder thereof shall be entitled to at least thirty-days' notice in writing of the charge against him or her, and of the time and place of hearing and determining of such charges, at which time and place he or she shall be entitled to be heard. Upon the revocation of any certificate it shall be the duty of the secretary of the board to strike the name of the holder thereof from the roll of registered nurses.

"SEC. 6. All fees received by the State Board of Nurse Examiners, and all fines collected under this act, shall be paid to the treasurer of said board, who shall at the end of each and every month deposit the same with the State Treasurer; and the said State Treasurer shall place said money so received in a special fund to be known as the fund of the State Board of Nurse Examiners, and shall pay the same out on vouchers issued and signed by the president and secretary of said board upon warrants drawn by the Auditor of the State therefor. All moneys so received and placed in said fund may be used by the State Board of Nurse Examiners in defraying its expenses in carrying out the provisions of this act.

"SEC. 7. This act shall not be construed to affect or apply to the gratuitous nursing of the sick by friends or members of the family or to any person nursing the sick for hire who does not in any way assume the practice as a trained, graduate, or registered nurse.

"SEC. 8. That any person violating the provisions of this act, or who shall make any false representations to said board, in applying for a certificate, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00); *provided*, that nothing in this act shall apply to nurses who have served as such in the army of the United States in the Civil War or the Spanish-American War.

"SEC. 9. In the opinion of the General Assembly an emergency exists; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

AN ACT

REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING OF THE SICK

Became a law June 6, 1905

SECTION 1. From and after July 1, 1905, there shall be a board of examination and registration of nurses, composed of five members, appointed by the governor, and all vacancies in said board shall be filled by the governor in like manner. The members of said board shall be residents of the State of Connecticut and shall be practical nurses, each of whom shall be a graduate of a training-school for nurses which gives a two years' course in a general hospital, and shall have had at least eight years' experience in professional nursing of the sick. Each member shall be appointed for a term of three years from the date when the appointment shall take effect, except those first appointed, who shall serve as follows: one for one year, two for two years, and two for three years from the date their appointments take effect respectively, and except a person appointed to fill a vacancy, who shall be appointed for the unexpired term.

SEC. 2. Said board shall, at the first meeting thereof, and at the annual meeting which shall be held on the first Wednesday in June, 1906, and on the first Wednesday in June in each year thereafter, elect from its own number a president and a secretary who shall also be treasurer. Said board may adopt a seal, and may adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for the transaction of the business of the board and the government and management of its affairs, not inconsistent with the laws of this state and of the United States, as it may deem expedient. Three members of said board shall constitute a quorum, and special meetings shall be called upon request of any two members. On request of said board the comptroller shall provide a suitable room in the capitol for its meetings.

SEC. 3. The members of said board shall receive their actual necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, and the secretary shall receive a salary to be fixed by the board, not to exceed one hundred dollars per year. Said expenses and said salary shall be paid out of the receipts of said board as hereinafter specified.

SEC. 4. At a meeting of said board to be held within sixty days after the appointment of the members thereof, and at the annual meeting in each year thereafter and at such special meetings as said board may deem necessary to hold for that purpose, notice of each of which meetings shall be given by publication in such newspapers as the board may determine at least one month previous to such meetings, said board shall examine all applicants for registration under the provisions of this act to determine their qualifications for the efficient nursing of the sick. Any person twenty-one years of age or over and of good moral character who shall show to the satisfaction of the board that he or she is a graduate of a training-school for nurses which gives a two years' course in a public or private hospital where medical, surgical, and obstetrical cases are received and treated, or has had such experience as said board shall find to be equivalent thereto, shall be eligible for such examination upon payment of a fee of five dollars, to be deposited upon the filing of the application

for examination. Said examination shall include the subjects of elementary anatomy and physiology, medical, surgical, and obstetrical nursing, dietetics, and home sanitation. If such applicant shall pass said examination to the satisfaction of the board, said board shall issue a certificate of registration to said applicant.

SEC. 5. Any person twenty-one years of age or over and of good moral character, applying for registration within two years from the passage of this act, and who shall, by affidavit or otherwise, show to the satisfaction of the board that he or she is a graduate of a training-school for nurses which gives a two-years' course in a public or private hospital where medical, surgical, and obstetrical cases are received and treated, or that he or she was, at the passage of this act, a student in such training-school for nurses and afterwards was graduated therefrom, or has had such other experience as said board shall find to be equivalent thereto, shall be eligible for registration without examination, upon payment of a fee of five dollars.

SEC. 6. Said board may cancel the registration of any person who has been convicted of any felony, or of any crime or misdemeanor in the practice of the profession of nursing.

SEC. 7. It shall be unlawful, after two years from the passage of this act, for any person to practice professional nursing in this state as a registered nurse without having a certificate of registration. A nurse who has received such certificate shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse," and no other person shall assume such title, or use the abbreviation "R.N." or any other words, letters, or figures to indicate that the person using the same is such a registered nurse. Every person who shall violate any provision of this act, who shall wilfully make false representation to said board in applying for a certificate of registration, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars; *provided*, that nothing in this act shall be held to apply to the acts of any person nursing the sick who does not represent himself or herself to be a registered nurse. The board shall cause to be presented to the proper prosecuting officer evidence of any violation of the provisions of this act and may incur any necessary expenses in the performance of this duty, said expenses to be paid out of the receipts of said board.

SEC. 8. All fees collected by said board under the provisions of this act shall be paid to the secretary of the board, and said secretary shall pay from the moneys so received the salary of said secretary and the necessary expenses of the members as provided in section three of this act, also for books, stationery, and other necessary expenses of the board; *provided*, that said board shall create or incur no expense exceeding the sum received from time to time as fees under the provisions of this act. The secretary shall before taking office give to the state a bond, with surety, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of said office, in the penal sum of not less than five hundred dollars; and shall keep an account of all moneys received and expended as aforesaid and shall render a detailed statement thereof to the comptroller on or before July first in each year.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from its passage.